

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4895–S4949

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3485–3495, and S. Res. 552–553. **Pages S4938–39**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 4275, To designate the annex building under construction for the Elbert P. Tuttle United States Court of Appeals Building in Atlanta, Georgia, as the “John C. Godbold Federal Building”.

S. 1508, to amend the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002 (31 U.S.C. 3321 note) in order to prevent the loss of billions in taxpayer dollars, with an amendment. **Page S4938**

Measures Passed:

Roy Rondeno, Sr. Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 3951, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Louisiana Avenue in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the “Roy Rondeno, Sr. Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S4949**

House Messages:

American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act: Senate continued consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 4213, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4914–28, S4933**

Adopted:

By 63 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 189), Franken Modified Amendment No. 4311 (to Amendment No. 4301), to establish the Office of the Homeowner Advocate for purposes of addressing problems with the Home Affordable Modification Program. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmatives votes, be agreed to). **Pages S4914, S4924–25, S4928**

Withdrawn:

By 35 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 187), Sanders Amendment No. 4318 (to Amendment No. 4301), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate big oil and gas company tax loopholes, and

to use the resulting increase in revenues to reduce the deficit and to invest in energy efficiency and conservation. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn).

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By 48 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 188), Vitter Amendment No. 4312 (to Amendment No. 4301), to ensure that any new revenues to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund will be used for the purposes of the fund and not used as a budget gimmick to offset deficit spending. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn).

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Pending:

Baucus motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Baucus Amendment No. 4301 (to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4914**

Reid Amendment No. 4344 (to Amendment No. 4301), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the time for closing on a principal residence eligible for the first-time homebuyer credit.

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Thune/McConnell Amendment No. 4333 (to Amendment No. 4301), of a perfecting nature.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, June 16, 2010; that there be 5 minutes of debate, equally divided and controlled between Senators Baucus and Grassley, or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of that time, Senator McConnell, or his designee, be recognized to make a budget act point of order against the Baucus motion; that once the point of order is raised, Senator Baucus then be recognized to waive the applicable budget point of order; that if the waiver fails, then the Baucus motion to concur with an amendment be withdrawn; and Senator Baucus then be recognized to move to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the

bill with an amendment; provided notwithstanding the withdrawal of the previous motion, the previously agreed upon amendments 4302, as modified, 4326 and 4311, as modified, be incorporated into the new Baucus motion to concur, and that the Reid amendment No. 4344, be reoffered with the same text; that on Thursday, June 17, 2010, beginning at 10 a.m., Senate debate the Thune substitute amendment No. 4333, to be reoffered with the same text; that the amendment be debated for 2 hours, with the time equally divided and controlled between Senators Baucus and Thune, or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senator Baucus be recognized to raise a budget act point of order against the Thune amendment; that Senator Thune, or his designee, then be recognized to move the applicable budget point of order; that if the waiver fails, then the Thune substitute amendment be withdrawn; provided further, that if the waivers for either Baucus or Thune amendments succeed, the amendments remain pending; finally that the cloture motion be withdrawn.

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Appointments:

Health Information Technology Policy Committee: The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 111-5, appointed the following individual to the Health Information Technology Policy Committee: Richard Chapman of Kentucky.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. EX. 185), Tanya Walton Pratt, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana.

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By unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. EX. 186), Brian Anthony Jackson, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana.

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Elizabeth Erny Foote, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana.

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—189)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:38 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 16, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4949.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Committee held a hearing to examine the situation in Afghanistan receiving testimony from Michele A. Flournoy, Under Secretary for Policy, and General David H. Petraeus, USA, Commander, United States Central Command, both of the Department of Defense.

Hearings continue on Wednesday, June 16, 2010.

ENERGY BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy concluded a hearing to examine S. 3460, to require the Secretary of Energy to provide funds to States for rebates, loans, and other incentives to eligible individuals or entities for the purchase and installation of solar energy systems for properties located in the United States, S. 3396, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to establish within the Department of Energy a Supply Star program to identify and promote practices, companies, and products that use highly efficient supply chains in a manner that conserves energy, water, and other resources, S. 3251, to improve energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy by Federal agencies, S. 679, to establish a research, development, demonstration, and commercial application program to promote research of appropriate technologies for heavy duty plug-in hybrid vehicles, S. 3233, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to authorize the Secretary of Energy to barter, transfer, or sell surplus uranium from the inventory of the Department of Energy, and S. 2900, to establish a research, development, and technology demonstration program to improve the efficiency of gas turbines used in combined cycle and simple cycle power generation systems, after receiving testimony from Senators Carper and Collins; and Steven G. Chalk, Chief Operating Officer, and Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Renewable Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, and R. Shane Johnson, Chief Operating Officer for Nuclear Energy, both of the Department of Energy.